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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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FIREFIGHTING HELITANKER ARRIVAL

This is to inform your honorable Board of the arrival of the S-64E Helitanker that is leased annually from Erickson Air-Crane, Incorporated. This firefighting helicopter will begin operations on Monday, August 16, 2010, out of the Department's Van Nuys Airport Tanker Base. This is the third year of a Board approved five year lease agreement for the seasonal use of the Helitanker.

The Department will monitor the fire activity, wildland fuel conditions, and weather forecasts in order to determine if this important firefighting resource will need to be extended past the 120-day lease period. I will keep your Board advised of my actions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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